Parallel event at the ‘Public-private partnership in the field of sustainable development of indigenous peoples’ International Forum

**Ethnological Studies, Effective Programmes and Mechanisms of Building Relations with Indigenous Peoples**

2 November 2023, 17:30–19:00 (plenary session hall)

International Trade Centre, 12 Krasnopresnenskaya Embankment, Moscow

**Organizers**

Nornickel

Project Office for Arctic Development Expert Centre

**Event description**

In 2020, ethnological studies on the Taymyr Peninsula prompted Nornickel to develop corporate law and the company’s long-term relations strategy for small-numbered indigenous peoples that would take account of Russian practices and international standards.

The study results also formed the basis of the company’s comprehensive programme for advancing socioeconomic development of small-numbered indigenous peoples and the infrastructure on their traditional residential territory. The Programme sets the highest standards for long-term collaboration over a broad range of substantive and financial indicators, promotes building a system of consultations with small-numbered indigenous peoples, and advances development of the company’s management structure.

Involving broad social groups of small-numbered indigenous peoples in developing the Programme and the company’s new corporate approaches based on due diligence and public commitments is a particularly promising area.

This parallel event will provide a venue for discussing existing practices and experience, progress made and current expectations of small-numbered indigenous peoples, experts and the company’s management. This discussion will promote a better understanding of the potential held by corporate instruments and procedures based on voluntary commitments and on building effective partnerships.

**Programme**

**Introductory remarks** (5 min.)

Moderator: Nikolay Doronin, General Director, Project Office for Arctic Development expert centre

**Speakers**

* Andrey Grachev**,** Vice-President for Federal and Regional Programmes, Nornickel

Nornickel’s relations with small-numbered indigenous peoples: experience, current state, corporate law development

* Nikolay Doronin, General Director, Project Office for Arctic Development expert centre

Ethnological studies experience: procedures, approaches, new opportunities for decision-making and building effective relations with small-numbered indigenous peoples

* Anfisa Nikiforova, Area Director for Relations with Small-Numbered Indigenous Peoples, Nornickel Polar Branch

Corporate programme for advancing sustainable development of small-numbered indigenous peoples: objectives, mechanisms and the role of small-numbered indigenous peoples

* Grigory Dyukarev, Chair, Council of Representatives of Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Krasnoyarsk Territory

Expectations and Priorities of Small-Numbered Indigenous Peoples in their Relations with Industrial Companies

**Discussion participants**

* Members of communities of small-numbered indigenous peoples of the Russian Federation and other socio-cultural regions of the world
* Representatives of the network of non-governmental alliances of indigenous peoples of sociocultural regions of Africa and Asia
* Russian and international independent experts
* Attendees

**Concluding remarks** (3 min.)

* Andrey Grachev**,** Vice-President for Federal and Regional Programmes, Nornickel
* Nikolay Doronin, General Director, Project Office for Arctic Development expert centre